

# The Daily Times-Echo

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Giles E. Miller, Editor

## Eureka Springs, Arkansas—The Gem of the Ozarks

"Where the breezes blow so softly  
That their touch is love's caress;

And the skies bend so serenely  
That their aim seems but to bless."



APRIL 24th, 1905, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of Eureka Springs. These years have established a record of cures that no other health resort in the known world has ever attained, a record of continuous healing that has not ceased from the date of the discovery of these wonderful springs until the present moment.

This is not speaking from hearsay. The writer was a boy clambering around the hills here the day the town was incorporated. He has witnessed the joy and heard the shouts and praise from those who came here blind, crippled and helpless, and were healed. He has, in the early days, seen the gulches below the famous springs lined with unfortunates, who with a pail of the pure, sparkling water and a dipper, patiently poured the healing draughts over the afflicted portions of their body. Indeed, he has seen the blind attain their sight, and watched the gradual healing of cancer—that dead malady. He has attended meetings where hundreds of afflicted







"Cozy Corners"  
Home of the Drs. Tatman

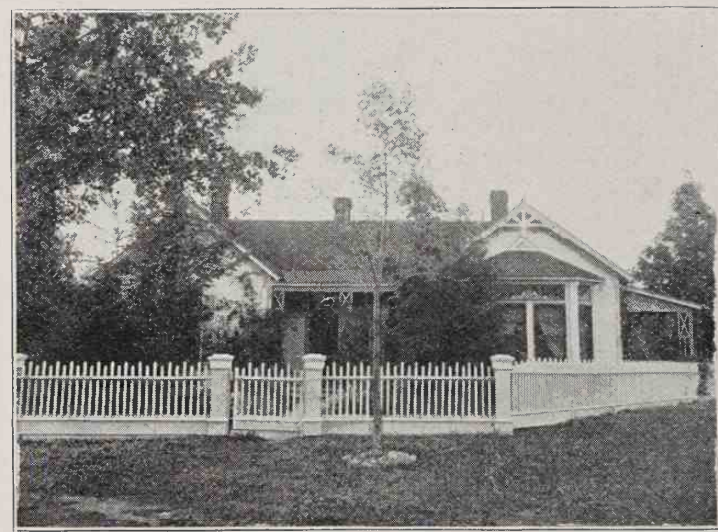
way. Her rugged peaks of mountain heights reach up to kiss the sunlit sky, and in deep valleys where rocks vie with verdure, the trickling rills run laughing with the secret of the wind. From the clear depths of lake and stream shines back the sky's fair face embowered in tree and shrub. The leaning foliage touches the water's brink to hear the music of a bygone race, whose warriors of dusky hue sang songs of love or victory in war, or wailed their weird and mournful death chants to the listening leaves. Here blow the cooling winds,

## To Open July 1st



HE first grand opening of the Basin Park Hotel, now nearing completion, will take place July 1st, and the event promises to be one of the grandest in the history of Eureka Springs. T. J. Brumfield, under whose management the Hotel Wadsworth has been so successful, and who has earned the reputation of being one of the best caterers in the South, has been selected as manager for this splendid hostelry, which is an assurance of large patronage.

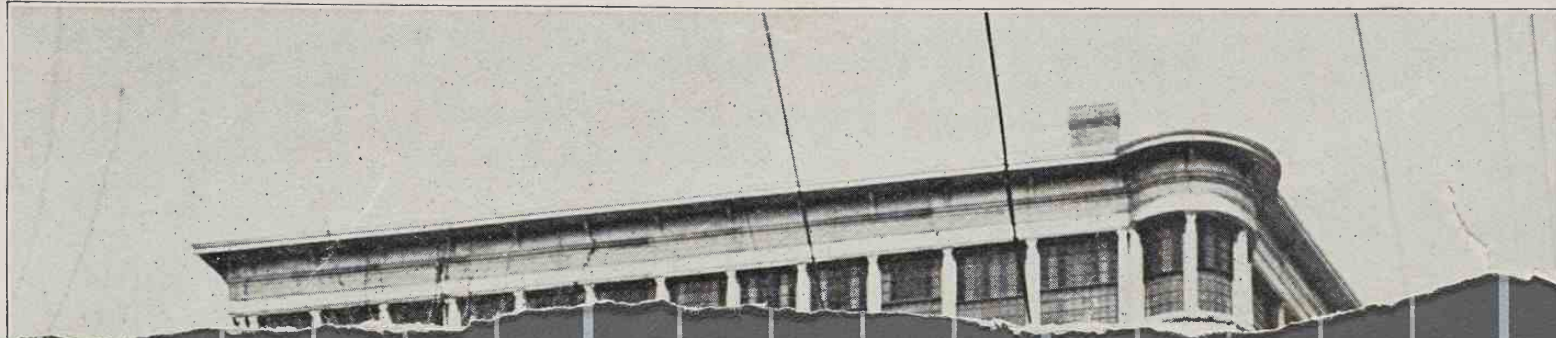
This grand structure was built by W. M. Duncan and his associates, and contains one hundred guest rooms in addition to spacious parlors and dens. Complete steam heating apparatus will be installed throughout the entire house, and a complete individual telephone service connecting with the office will be installed, enabling all guests to tell their troubles to the manager and clerks in the office, who will be cheerfully awaiting the glad news. In the hotel there are forty bath rooms, besides a bath room for guests' general use on each floor. The ground floor will contain the office and store rooms, including bar. The hotel will be conducted strictly on the



Cumberland Cottage  
Vacation Home of Mr. Geo. Cook, of Chicago, Ill.

ceed \$50,000. Its success is assured. Two handsome porte-cocheres are being erected, one on the Basin Spring front and the other at the main entrance to the office of the hotel. These porte-cocheres are built of beaver gray limestone, and this particular work is being done by the Eureka Stone Company of our city. A special feature and

a most attractive one is the feasible plan of easy fire escapes, as from each story to the Basin Park reservation, back of the hotel, iron bridges will be built so that in case of fire the entire house, were it a hundred stories high, could be





...are, with a seating capacity  
three thousand five hundred people.  
...latter institution is the great and  
...ar resort during warm weather.  
In addition to these there are the Floyd-  
Wadsworth Hall, the Barnes-Blocksom  
Hall and the Masonic Hall, all of which  
are popular and well patronized by  
lodges and parties. The two miles of electric street  
cars pass all amusement places, all the principal  
hotels and business houses, besides giving the tourist  
the strangest and most scenic ride around the beau-  
tiful mountain sides, from the valley to the summit  
of the mountain, to be enjoyed anywhere in the  
United States, and perhaps in the world.

## Pure Water

It is the greatest solvent in nature. It is the  
principal factor in healthy digestion, assimilation  
and excretion.

The Eureka Springs water has a soft, agreeable  
taste, pleasant to the most delicate palate and sooth-  
ing to the mucous membrane of the stomach and  
intestines. It is satisfying to thirst, cooling and in-  
vigorating to the system, and can be used in any  
quantity—the more the better.

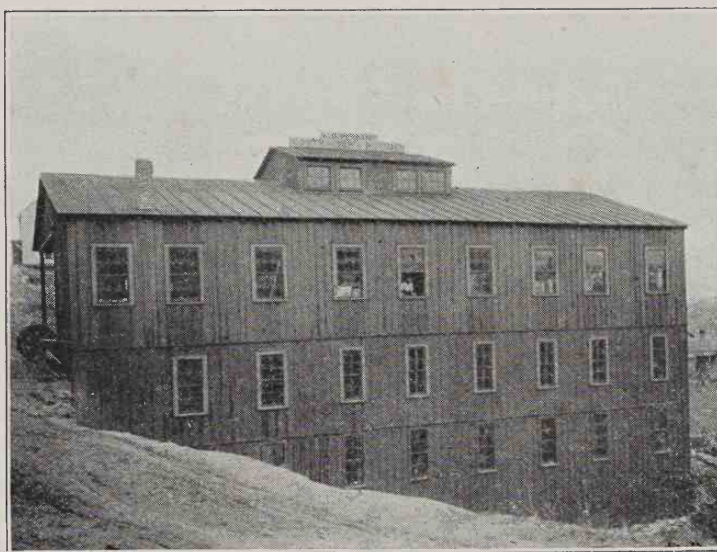
The Eureka Springs water is the clearest and



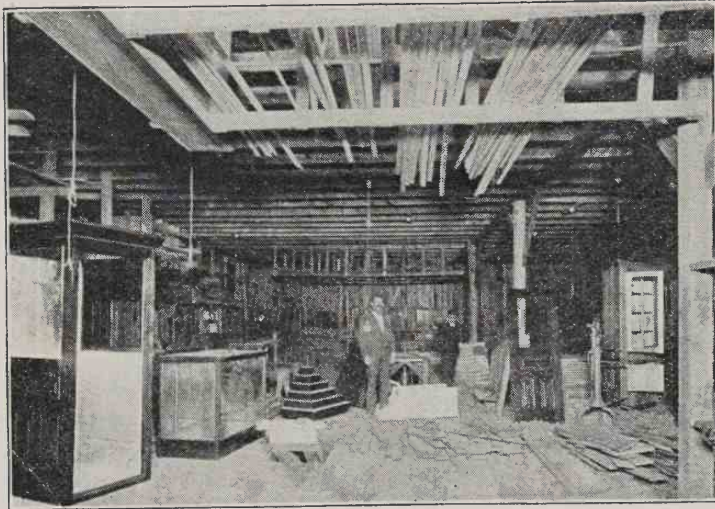
Interior of the Eureka Opera House

Each gallon of 231 cubic inches contains the fol-  
lowing:

Chloride sodium.....	0.19 grs.
Sulphate soda .....	0.09 "



W. O. Perkins' Factory  
Contractor, Builder, Cabinet and Wood Worker



Interior of W. O. Perkins' Factory



Fuller Furniture Co.



Fred Pell & Son's Jewelry Store

the retention

## "It Cures"

The numerous diseases affecting the  
stomach, liver, kidneys and bladder, are  
invariably benefited, and often cured by  
the persistent use of the Eureka Springs  
water. Immediate relief from the more distressing  
symptoms attending these diseases can be confidently  
expected from the beginning.

In kidney troubles the waters are very effective.  
The most obstinate and chronic cases have yielded  
to them, and even the supposedly incurable Bright's  
disease has been conquered.

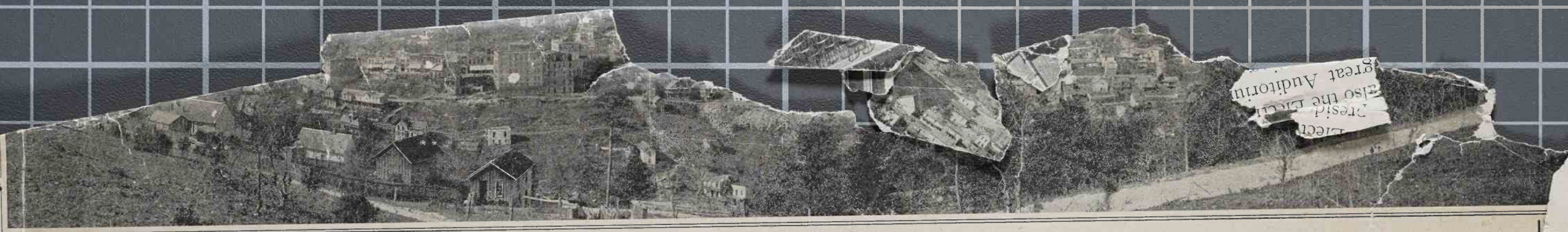
Quick recovery is common in catarrh of the  
bladder and in the various inflammatory diseases  
of this organ.

Rheumatism, even in its chronic forms, yields  
readily to the free use of the waters, relief from  
pain being almost instantaneous.

Sufferers from liver complaints always obtain  
benefit. Cases that had progressed to the point of  
structural change in liver tissues have found a cure  
in the Eureka Springs water.

Dyspepsia, indigestion, and the many chronic  
ailments of the stomach, though of long standing,  
are relieved. Ulcer of the stomach has in many  
instances been cured.





The City of Eureka Springs as it Appeared in 1890.

## Pictureque Hill Climbs and Health for Everyone

Caves  
that  
Tunnel to  
Mountain  
Cores  
~  
Bottomless  
Roaring  
Springs



Health Seekers at the Famous Basin Spring in July, 1879.

Views  
that  
Delight  
~  
Clear  
Lakes  
and  
Winding  
Streams

Where Sleepless Nights, Mosquitoes and Malaria are Unknown

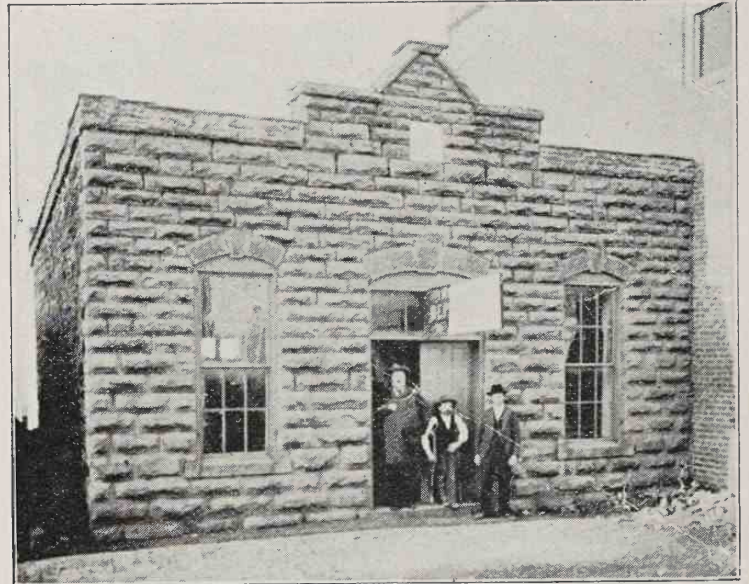




M. B. Stormant's Telephone Exchange, Marshall



The Marshall High School



The Republican Office, Marshall, Ark.

Arkansas produces annually about \$6,000,000 in poultry, exclusive of eggs. The even temperature is favorable to the poultry and egg industry.

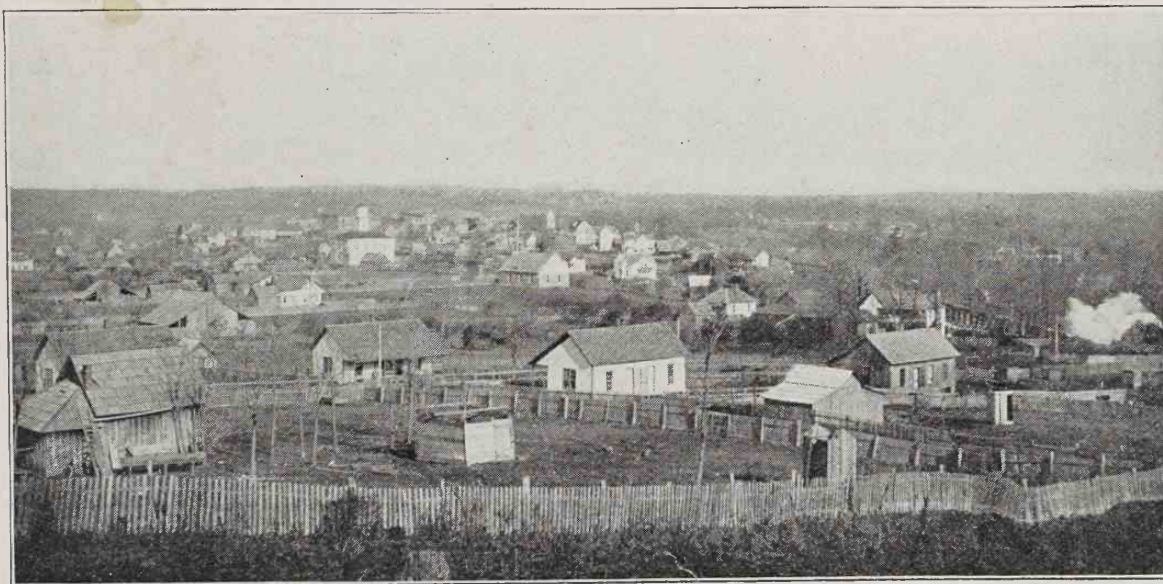
**BERRYVILLE**  
Carroll County Bank, Digby West, cashier.  
Clarke's Academy.  
Burton George, druggist.  
St. George Hotel Co.  
People's Bank, E. B. Hinchman, cashier.  
Willis Baker, lumberman.

**GREEN FOREST.**  
Russell Bros., publishers Tribune.  
J. B. Harden, commission merchant.  
Len Nunally, general merchandise.

**HARRISON.**  
C. L. Glines, jeweler.  
Jno. A. Bunch, banker.  
A. B. Andrews, postmaster.  
J. S. Owens, Ozark Livery Stables.  
The Connerly Hotel.  
John R. Newman, publisher Times.  
Mr. Dobson, telephone exchange.  
Trimble Transfer Co.

**ST. JO.**  
The Davy Crockett Mining Co.

**MARSHALL.**  
O. L. Garrison, publisher Marshall Republican.  
Bank of Marshall.  
Benjamin Bratton, Jr., Sheriff of Searcy County.  
M. B. Stormant, proprietor Marshall Telephone System.  
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Bird's-Eye View of Marshall, Ark.

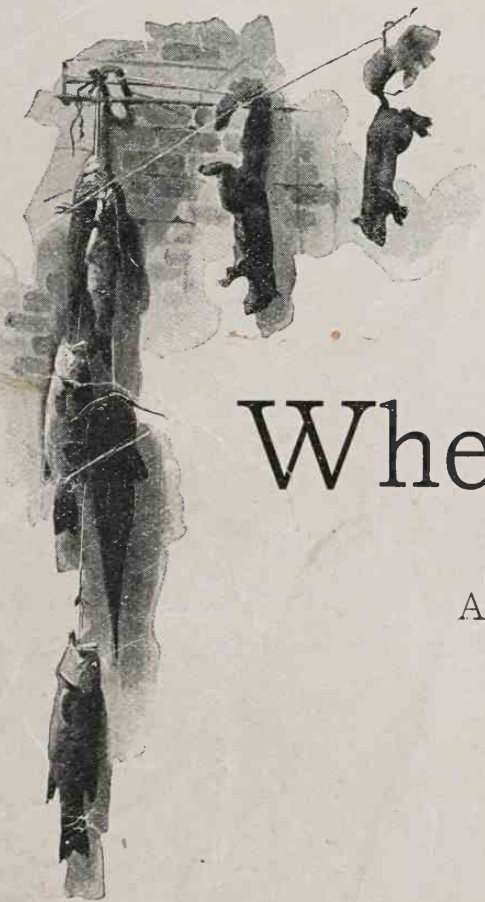
gain relief. She has supplied them with scenery, grand, beautiful and awe-inspiring. She is endowed them with most beyond belief. She has health, beauty and

Stop at any one of our forty springs when warm and thirsty, and you will drink again and again of this beverage that "cheers but does not inebriate." Can you follow this plan at other resorts? While visiting a number of the most noted of these, I found the water neither grateful to the palate nor satisfying to one's thirst; nor would the system endure more than a sparing quantity of it; so that one must depend chiefly upon the hydrant with all its dangers of typhoid and other germs.—Dr. M. R. Regan.

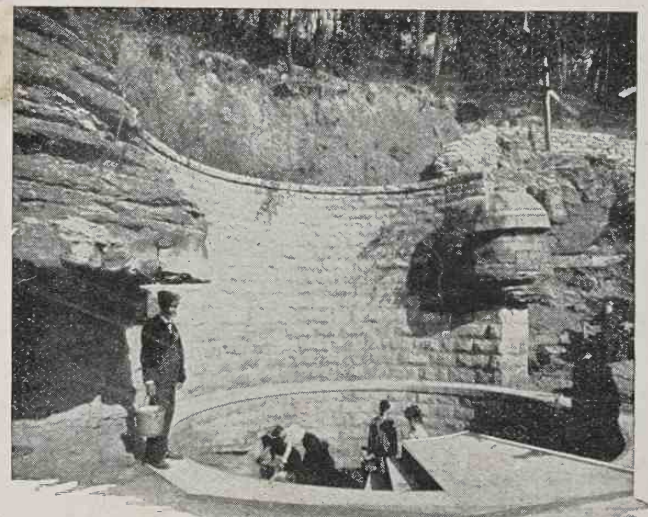
Eureka Springs was founded by long-headed and far-seeing men. These men, realizing that the future of their city depended upon its water, took steps to prevent their monopoly by any person or corporation and set them apart for the free use of the public. The wisdom of this measure has been proved by development since. Costly hotels and sanitariums, the health seekers have sprung up in the city, until today it can vie in the richness of equipment and in luxury with any health resort in the country.

Though complications of disease are before you, do not





Nowhere shines the sun so kindly,  
Nor so soft the moon's fair rays;  
Nowhere flow the waters purer,  
From their myriad mountain ways.  
—Wilma Farratt Ellis.



## Where Nature Smiles

AVERAGE CLEAR DAYS PER YEAR

New York, 100

Chicago, 108

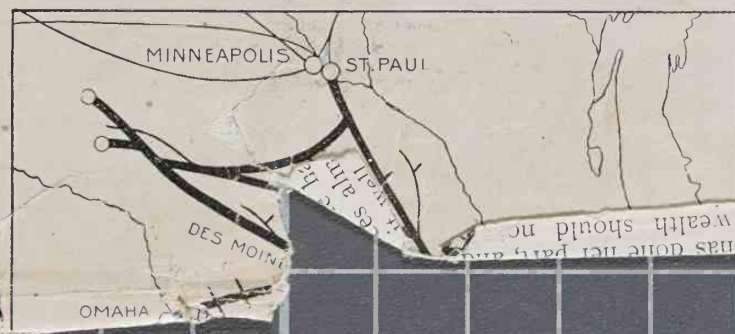
Los Angeles, 171

while

## Eureka Springs Enjoys 209

A Resort for all the Year

REACHED VIA THE



Average temperature for  
March, April and May, 61°  
and Aug., 74°





Timber Scene on Land of Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.



Residence of R. S. Granger, Secretary of Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.



Timber Scene on Land of Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.

## The Lumber Interests

**T**HAT a company of the magnitude of the Granger-Kelley Lumber Company would select Eureka Springs as its headquarters, and should select the tributary country for the location and operation of its various mills, and make extensive land purchases to enable it to control pine forests throughout northwest Arkansas, is encouraging and is evidence of the high value placed upon the timber of this section. Heretofore a great deal of lumber has been produced and shipped from this point, but the mill owners have not been of the progressive type that pushed their trade extensively, notwithstanding the fact that the pine lumber of northwest Arkansas has been in great demand for many years. No section in the United States can excel it either in quality or quantity.

The Granger-Kelley Lumber Co. was organized and incorporated in 1904, and at the time of its organization it purchased about five thousand acres of timber in Carroll county, Ark. Since that time it has made additional purchases of timber in other towns and controls the principal supplies of timber in northwest Arkansas, all of which is tributary to its mills at Eureka Springs and Berryville, Arkansas.

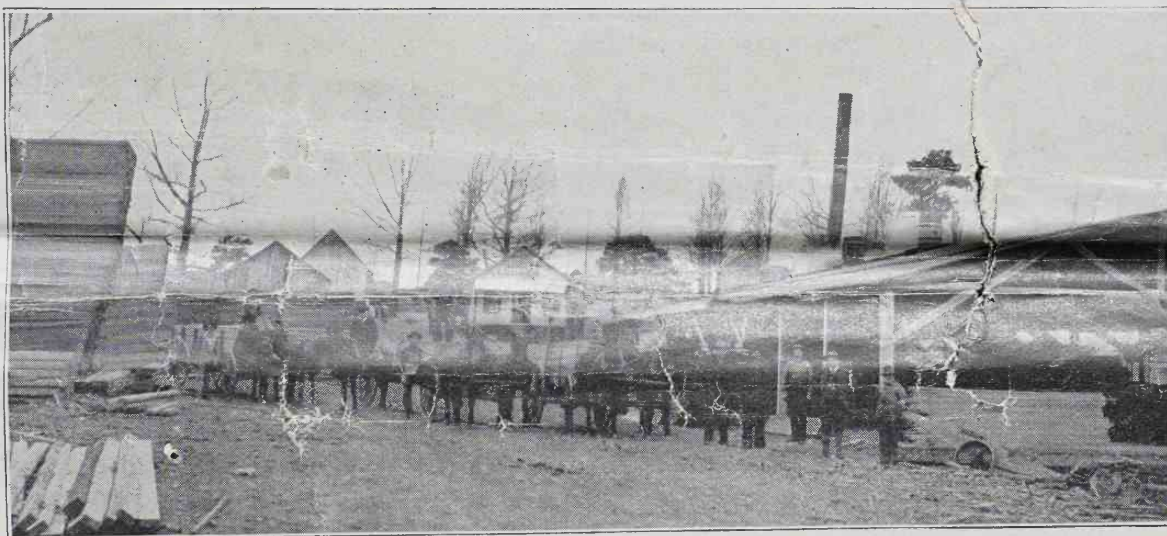
This company conducts both a wholesale and a retail department, under separate managements.

Its general office for the management of its wholesale department is located at Eureka Springs, Ark., from which point the greater part of its wholesale orders are filled. This company has since its incorporation enjoyed a rapidly increasing business until the capacity of its mills is taxed. A marked advantage is possessed by the Granger-Kelley Lumber Co. over other southern pine manufacturers in point of freight rates, because of the fact that the timber owned by the company is in the extreme northwestern portion of the yellow pine timber belt, which circumstance enables it to reach the northern and western markets on a low freight rate, and also to make prompt delivery of orders that would require long delays if shipped from southern mills. The character of the country being mountainous, this company has demonstrated the fact that saw mills of limited capacity and suitable for moving from point to point are practical, and it has been the policy of the company to operate a number of small mills with a capacity of about twenty thousand feet each per day.

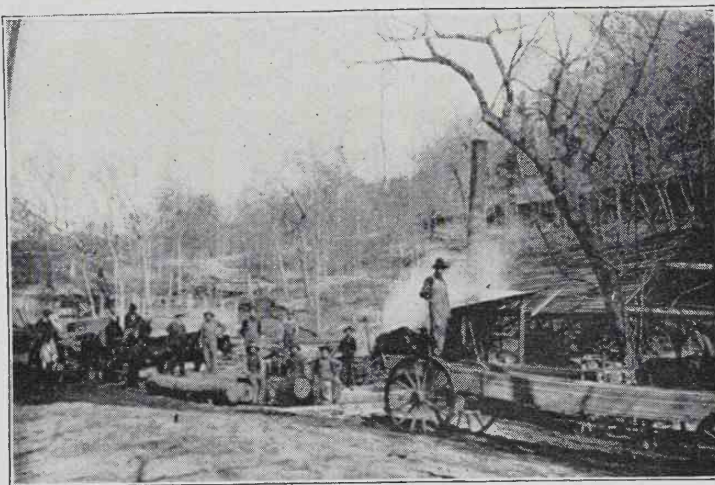
The Granger-Kelley Lumber Company operates retail yards at Eureka Springs, Berryville, Green Forest, Harrison and Leslie, Ark., at all of which places it handles a complete stock of lumber and



Residence of U. G. Kelley, President Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.



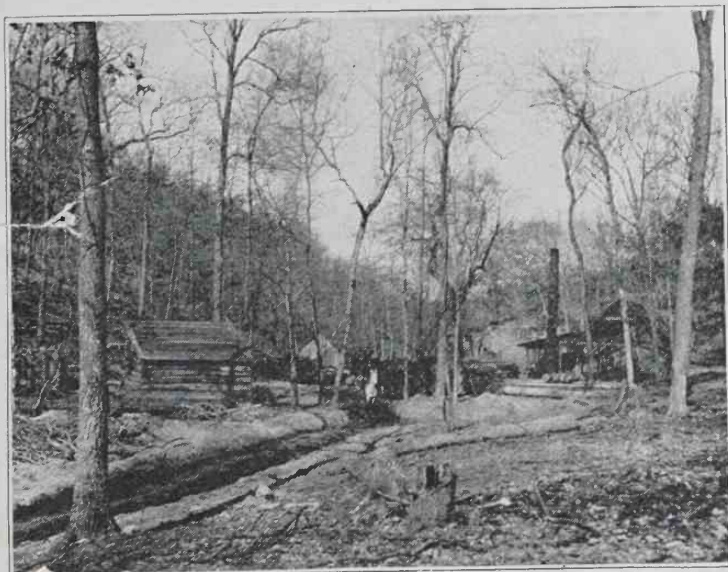
Planing Mill of the Granger-Kelley Lumber Co. at Eureka Springs, Ark.



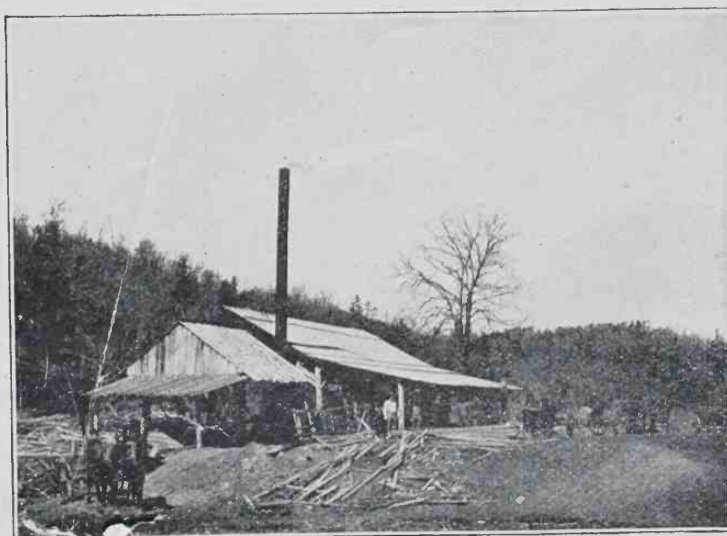
Saw Mill on Land of Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.



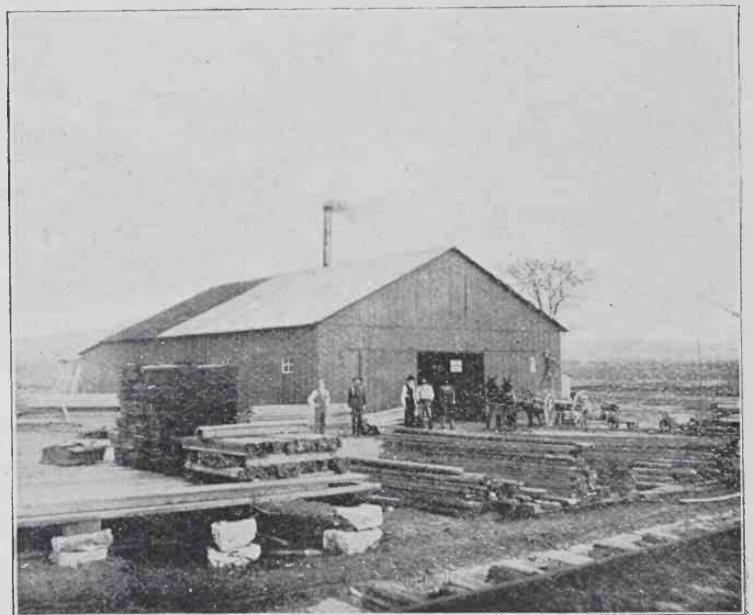
Yards of the Granger-Kelley Lumber Co., Harrison, Ark.



Mill on Land of Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.



Saw Mill on Land of Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.



Berryville Mill of the Granger-Kelley Lumber Co.

building material. As the company manufactures its own stock, it is enabled to maintain a schedule of prices that materially reduces the expense of building in this section.

## Telephone Service

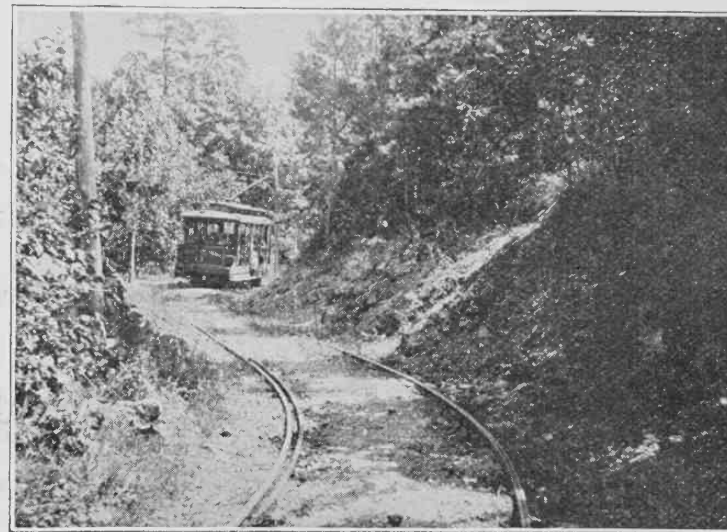
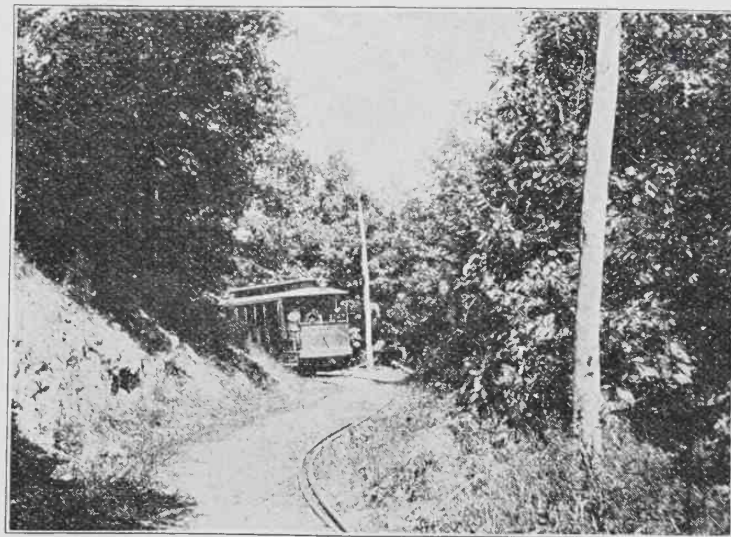
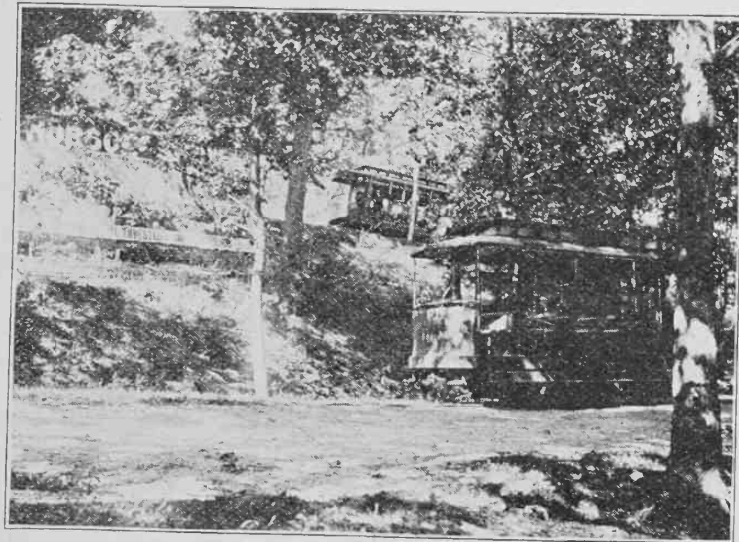
Eureka Springs can boast of one of the best telephone systems to be found anywhere, and from what we are able to learn, it is the only system of the kind actively managed and supervised by a lady. Be it said to the credit of Mrs. E. F. Van Allen that its service has constantly improved since it came under her management some two years ago, and its patronage has greatly increased. This telephone system was installed by the late J. W. Hill, one of the pioneer business men of this city, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Van Allen, and has since borne his name. It has long distance connections with the principal towns in northwest Arkansas.

## Our Illustrations

Lucien Gray, to whom belongs the credit of having made about ninety per cent of the splendid views contained in this edition of the DAILY TIMES-ECHO, has been a professional photographer for twenty-two years. During this period he has traveled through all the states and territories of the United States, through Canada, Mexico, South

America, Hawaii, Cuba, Hayti, Porto Rico, and all the East and West Indies. He has seen all the mountain ranges and famed resorts and sights in all the countries, and in his opinion there does not exist elsewhere sights and scenes so beautiful as are found right around Eureka Springs in the Ozark range. The Rockies, the Sierras and Cumberland mountains attain far higher altitudes, but they are not adorned with the beautiful colors and foliage that abound everywhere in the Ozarks. Here we have no barren mountains and snow-capped peaks, but at every hand is beauty. Even the rugged cliffs are covered with evergreen cedars, and life, health and happiness seem to be the one end that nature has endeavored to attain. For several years Mr. Gray was in the employ of a number of railway companies, and seven years in the employ of the United States Government as a photographer. Mr. Gray is so much in love with our resort that he intends to locate here, put up a business block, and make Eureka Springs his future home. He has printed many thousand views that have been of untold value as advertisements of Eureka Springs, and to him belongs the credit of getting up the Water Company's exhibit at the World's Fair at St. Louis.





## Picturesque Street Railway in the World

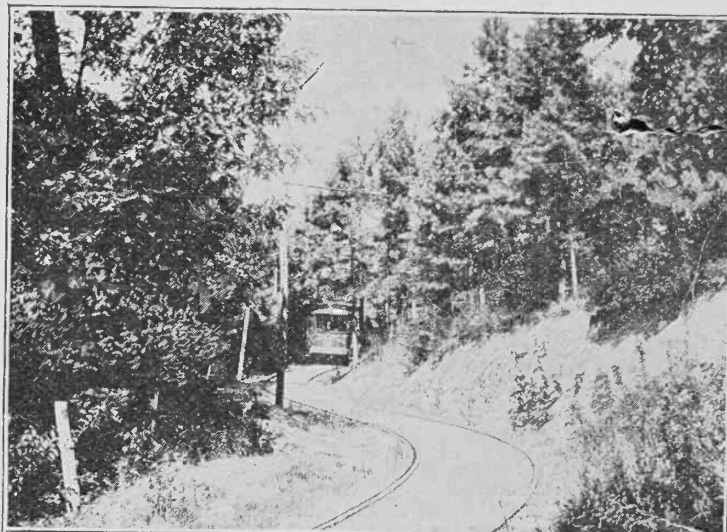


VERILY, we may say that if you have never visited Eureka Springs, you are really unaware of the beauties of which nature is capable. We have not been all over the world ourselves, but we have been over a good share of the United States, and many will agree with us that outside of the dizzy grandeur of the Rockies and Sierras there is nothing in North America to compare with the natural beauties of the Ozarks of this particular nook and corner.

Several years ago we wrote the following, and we can not offer our opinion in better terms now: "Bounteous nature never made a grander or more gracious endowment to the sufferer from earthly ills,

he must climb the steep mountain paths over rocks and ledges, crawl through the small opening to caverns and caves, follow the clear rippling streams through the valleys, and soon the fallow, jaundiced cheek has changed to the pink tint of health, and life seems well worth the living.

"Wild flowers of all varieties and colors are everywhere apparent, the dense foliage reaching the capabilities of the limbs from which it hangs. On the mountain tops, two thousand feet above the level of the sea, the tall pines bear their evergreen garb, on the hillsides the oaks and cedars try their level



### In Nature's Beautiful Realm

There's ever a touch of fragrance  
By the winds caressingly flung  
That blends with the plaintive murmur  
By the pine trees ceaselessly sung;  
But after a shower falleth  
How it makes one's pulses thrill  
To catch the scent of rain-swept pines  
That crown Eureka's hills!

There the purple hush of the twilight  
Alone brings a sense of rest,  
After the heat and glamour of day  
Has drifted into the west;  
E'en the moonlight nights of Eureka  
Have a glory all their own—  
A sort of silvery symphony,  
With pines for an undertone.

As long as memory lasteth  
I shall count 'mid life's sweetest things  
The moonlight nights, the scent of pines,  
The hills of Eureka Springs;  
Where the purple twilight enfoldeth  
The day with peaceful calm,  
And the pine trees lulleth the tired soul  
As the strains of an evening psalm.

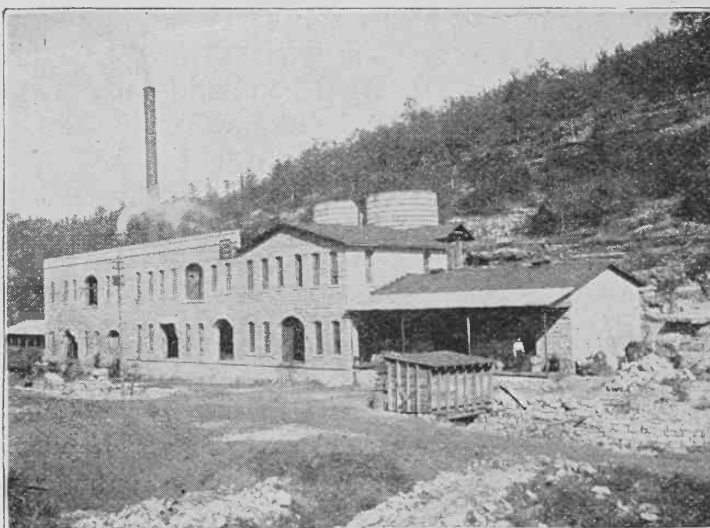
—Miss Florence Hammersley.

Mrs. Wm. Robb, of Tecumseh, Neb., was totally blind as a result of nerve shock, yet less than sixty days at this health resort enabled her to read the newspaper.



The St. Louis House

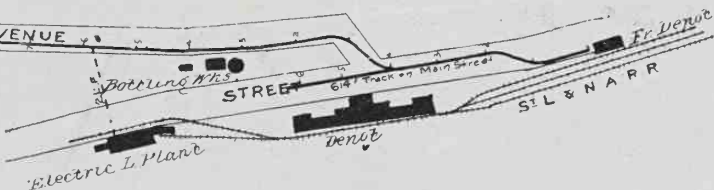
One of Eureka's visitors was heard to remark that "God might have made more beautiful cities, and more charming people—but He never did."



Power House and Ice Factory



Car Barns and Rolling Stock



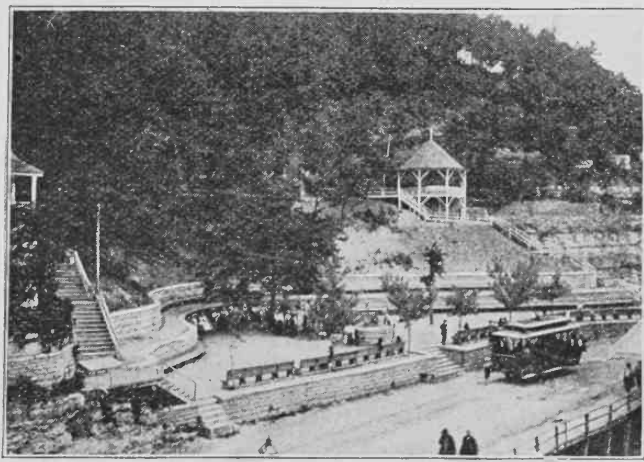
or the pleasure seeker, than the above-mentioned springs and the country surrounding them. The waters, the purest, the clearest—the dewdrops from the heavens could be no less polluted—gush forth from their subterranean sources to the mountain sides, over ledges and cliffs, where they meet the quest of thirsty mortals who drink and drink until health is restored, mind and body rested, and the tired toiler returns to his irksome duties with renewed life and vigor. The air—the current from the Gulf of Mexico—wafted through the rugged, pine-clad Ozark Mountains, fills the soul with new enthusiasm, new energy, and inspires the pilgrim to see the grandeur of his surroundings. To do this

best to hide the intermingling cliffs, while in the valleys the white blossoms on the dogwood and wild plum, and the variegated blossoms of the redwood and blueberry, in contrast with the clear, rippling streams and pebbles of many a hue, form one grand color panorama beyond description of pen or brush. These beauties of nature must be seen to be appreciated.

"Yes, come; and once here you will feel inclined to stay. We have various ways of locomotion to all the points of interest in this wonderland to the stranger, and although you may stay weeks or months, each day we will have some new sight to show you."

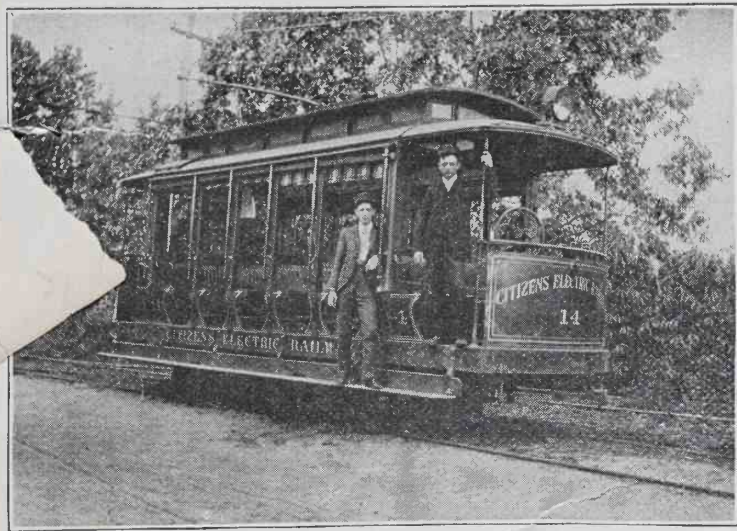
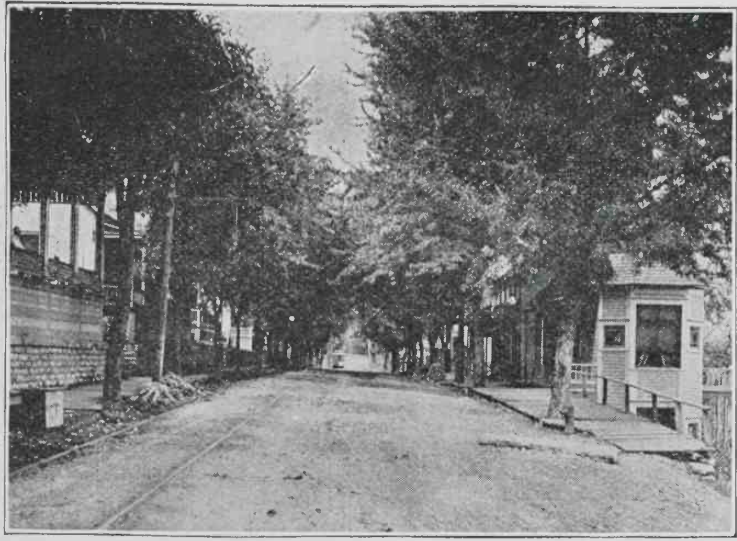


The Lover's Leap



At the Basin Spring





## Scenes Along the Most Unique and Pic

IN no other city on the continent can there be found a street railway that leads such a winding course around and up and down the mountain sides as does the Citizens Electric Street Railway of Eureka Springs. As you alight at the depot of the St. Louis & North Arkansas Railway you find a well-equipped street car there in waiting, and presently you are swung up and around the mountain side along what appears to be a ledge or precipice, and to the timid it seems that each instant there is danger of the car being hurled to the valley below. But really such a possibility is very remote, and during the years the line has been in operation there has never been a serious accident. To make safety doubly sure, the far-seeing management has had guard rails laid all along this section of the line. From the depot up the mountain side to the intersection with the main line at the Crescent Spring, a little more than half a mile, the ascent amounts to a fraction over 101 feet, or a little more than 200 feet to the mile. The main line, which circles around West Mountain, traversing the most popular thoroughfare of the city and passing most all of the famous springs and the principal institutions, is not without its grades and wondrous curves, as reference to the diagram herewith printed will illustrate. From Main street to the intersection of Mountain and Owen streets there is an ascent of sixty-seven feet. From that point on around Spring Street and the boulevard to the Auditorium the grade varies only a few feet. Here commences a most charming and tortuous ascent, and a feat of engineering that has challenged the admiration of many scientific men who have visited the resort. A roadbed had to be graded around the mountain side at angles that would seem ridiculous were it anywhere else than in this unusual mountain range, and as will be seen in one of the illustrations, one car will be only a few yards from and above the other, and apparently going in the same direction, when, actually, they are headed toward opposite ends of the line. These ends, however, are only about 300 yards apart, one end resting in the valley while the other is at the mountain's peak. From the Auditorium to the Crescent Hotel, which is at the summit of the mountain, there is an descent of about 140 feet.

The total length of the main line is 2.16 miles, and the depot line 0.53 miles, the siding being added making a total of 3 miles of track.

The equipment and service on this street railway is better than can be found in many cities of far greater population than Eureka Springs, and the entire system is a source of gratification and pride to our people. Visitors make the valleys echo with

their merry shouts as they are carried around its course in beautifully decorated and lighted trolley party cars, and the bands and orchestras of the city are frequently participants in these festivities.

No visitor to Eureka Springs should fail to see the sights as presented from this ride, said by many to excel anything of the kind on the continent, and a trip over the line either by day or night is always appreciated.

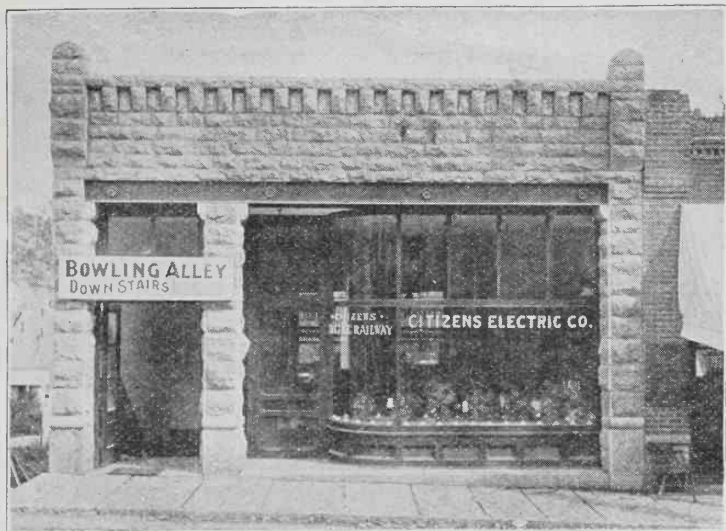
The Citizens Electric Company—W. M. Duncan, president, and M. D. Jordan, vice-president and general manager—own this line, and the same interests control the Citizens Bank, Basin Park Hotel, the Eureka Springs Water Shipping Company, the

water in sufficient quantities is the hardest

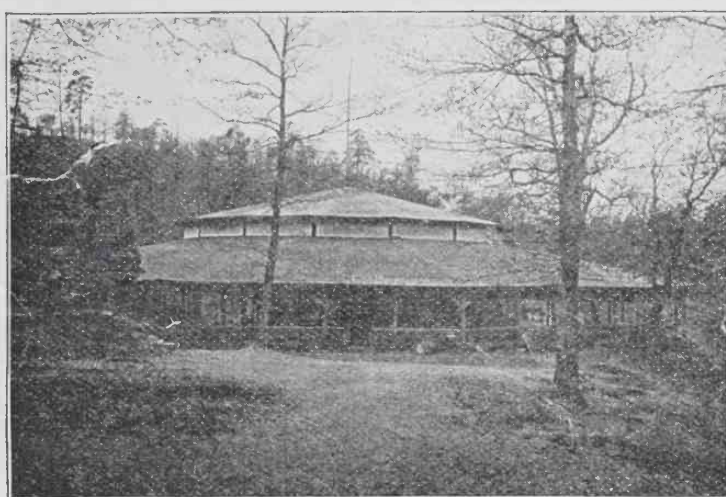


The Citizens Bank

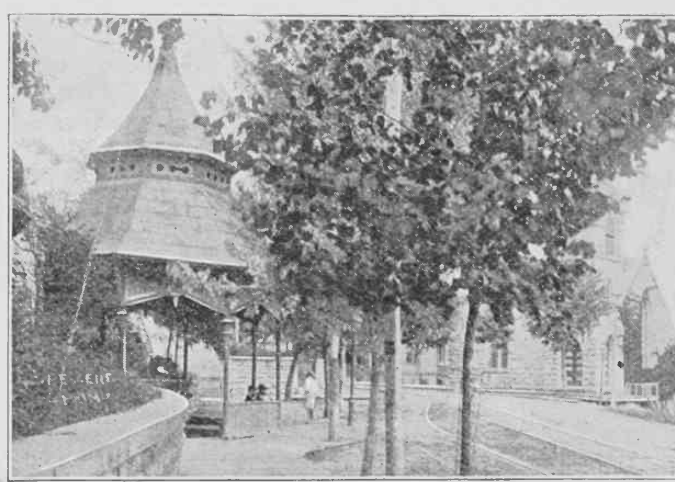
"Pure water is a solvent, the greatest nature furnishes for her own processes."



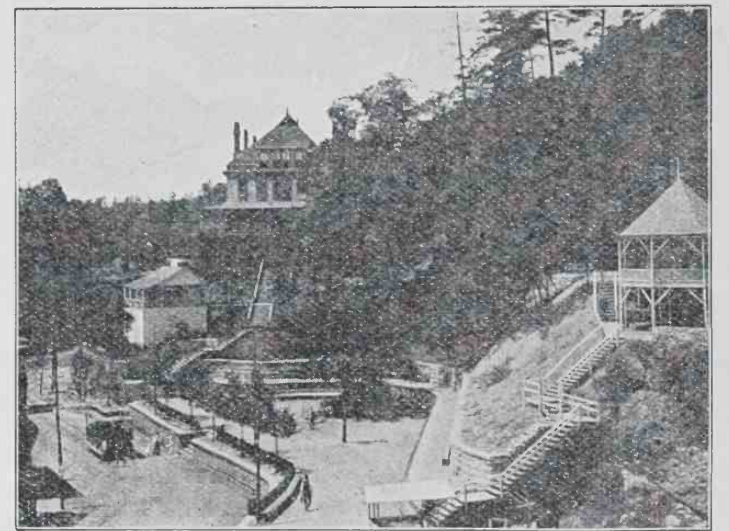
Citizens Electric Company Office



The Summer Auditorium



Crescent Spring and Church



Basin Spring and Southern Hotel

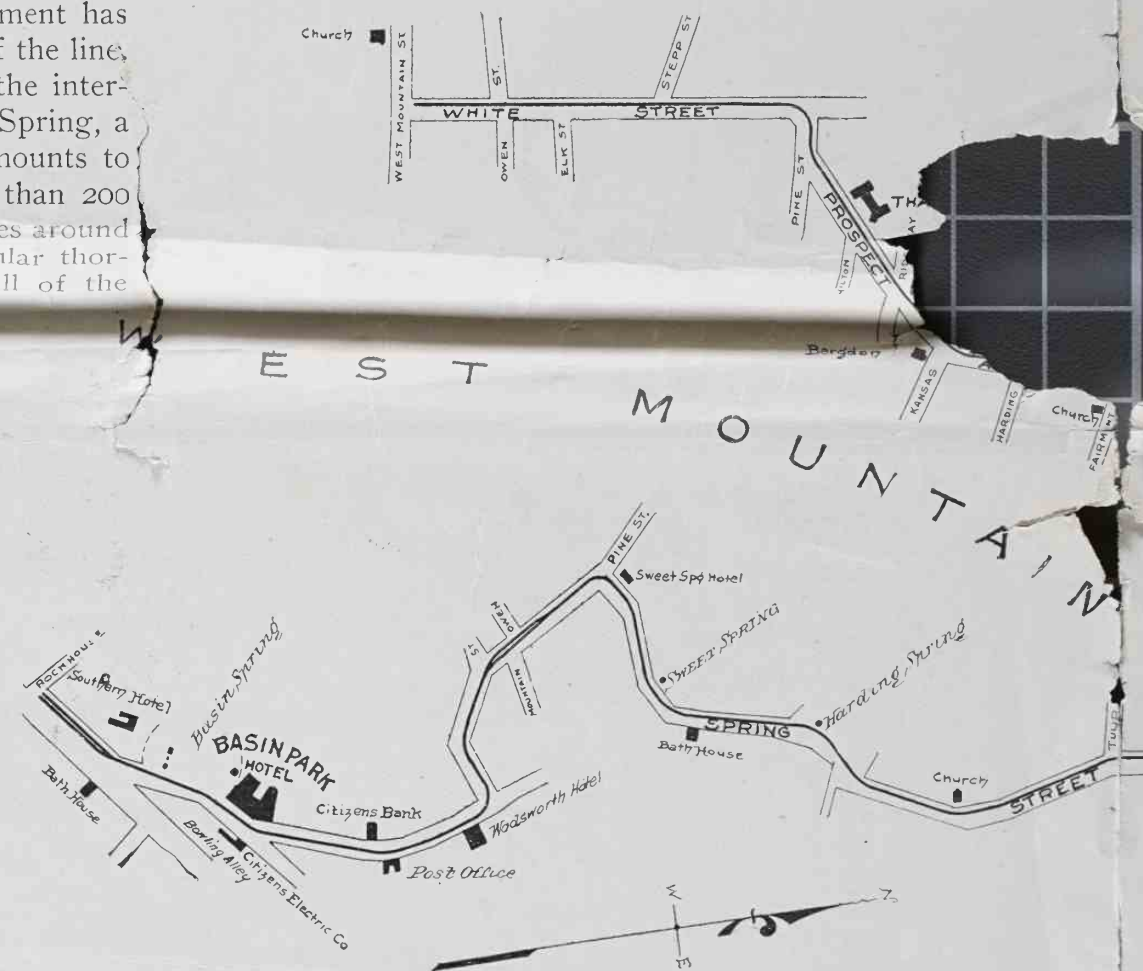
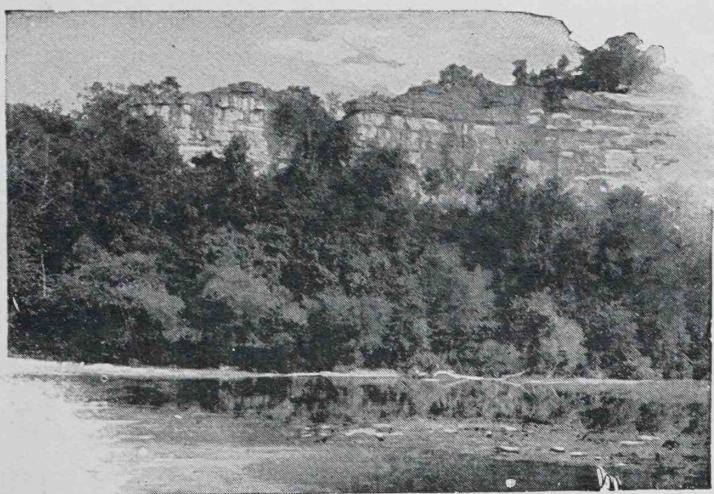


Diagram of the Citizens Electric Street Railway, as taken from the City Plat

electric light and ice plant, the Opera House, Auditorium and Syndicate Company, and this combination forms one of the most important business and financial interests of the resort.

Eureka Springs owes its title to fame to its waters. What Carlsbad is to Europeans, Eureka Springs is to the United States. It is a city of springs, and its waters have been found beneficial and of assistance in a multitude of diseases with which humanity suffers. The waters of the springs vary in their chemical properties, and thus are efficacious in a greater variety of complaints than those of any other watering place known.—C. H. Bartlett.





## A Fair Little City

In the heart of the Ozark Mountains,  
On a plateau lofty and grand,  
There nestles a fair little city,  
Well known throughout our broad land  
As the place where dear mother Nature  
In her happiest mood ever dwells,  
Where the air, the sunshine and water  
Are bewitched by her marvelous spells.

She had kissed the sunlight with healing—  
The breezes were laden with rest—  
But the ages long failed to discover  
One treasure still hid in her breast.  
In the fullness of time—when most needed—  
"Eureka," a wayfarer cried,  
As flowing from depths of her bosom  
A health-giving fountain he spied.

The secret was out, aye, the secret  
The years had been longing to tell,  
And soon grateful lips were declaring  
These waters were fraught with a spell.  
And as Israel's long-thirsting children  
Drew close to the rod-smitten rock,  
So thousands of suffering mortals  
To the springs of Eureka did flock.

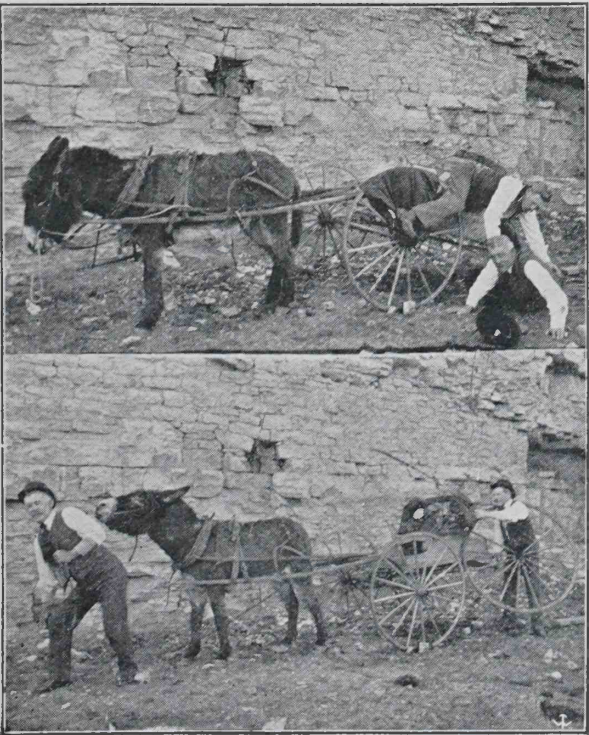
The visitors came in such numbers,  
The city was quite over-run—  
The fact that the weather was so fair  
That something must quickly be done  
To secure their comfort and pleasure—  
To bid them in luxury dwell,  
Was reared a beautiful palace,  
The wide-famed Crescent Hotel.

This model of rare architecture  
Is finely appointed all through—  
The process of heating and lighting  
Has safety and comfort in view.  
The menu includes every dainty  
A bounteous country supplies,  
And is served in manner as tempting  
As skillful chefs can devise.

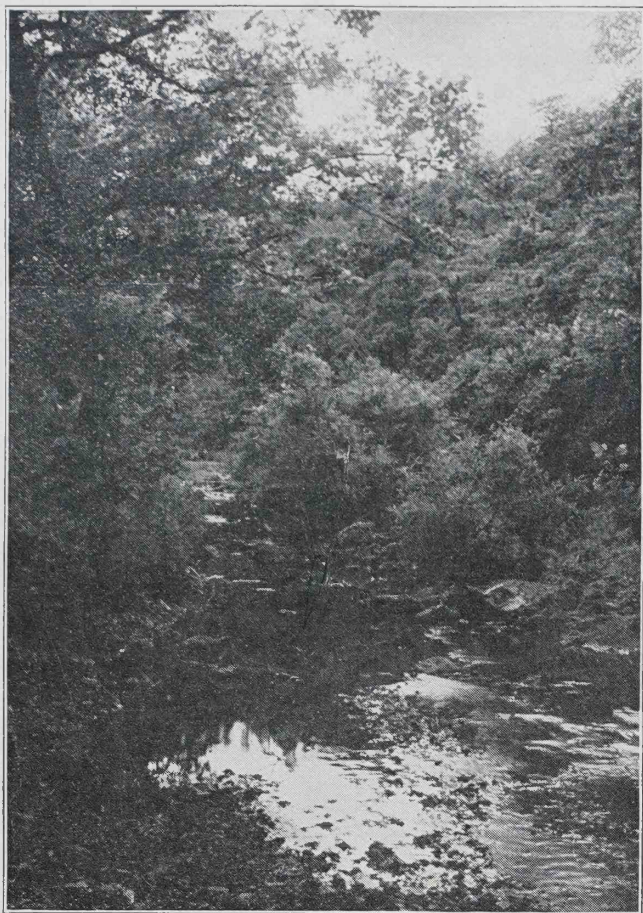
From its porches and airy verandas  
One views a picturesque scene—  
Wooded hills ever clad in rich verdure  
Look down on far valleys between—  
While its own ample grounds are a picture  
Portrayed by artistic hands;  
For completeness and exquisite beauty,  
The Crescent unparalleled stands.

The sick, over-worked and the weary  
Find rest at this healthful resort,  
For 'tis Nature's own sanitarium,  
And with her choicest blessings is fraught.  
The atmosphere, cool and so bracing,  
Bears no taint of malaria's breath;  
To its germs of insidious poison  
This altitude means certain death.

So, if you have planned for an outing,  
As a respite from business and care,  
Then Ho! for the Ozark Mountains,  
And the joys of Eureka to share.  
The tourist delights in the Ozarks—  
Their witcheries on him never pall—  
They are charming in springtime and summer,  
And charming in winter and fall.

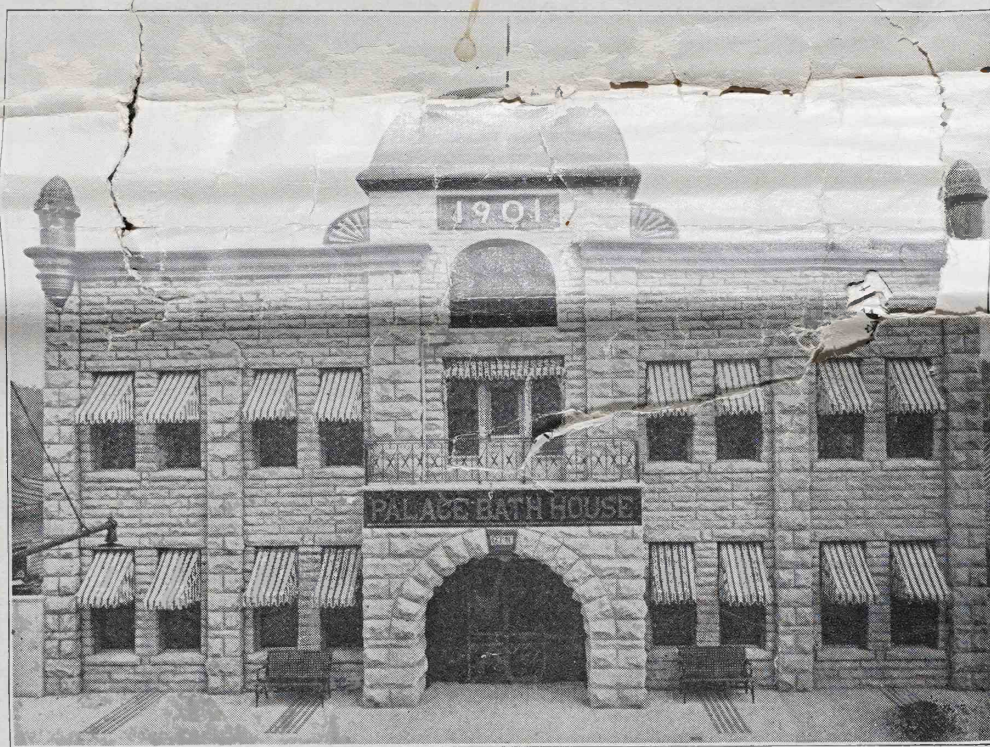


Slow Travel



Ozark Mountain Brook

The hunter finds deep in their fastness  
The home of the fleet-footed deer;  
On the dew-laden breath of the morning,  
The ring of his horn you will hear—  
And a song that is dear to the sportsman  
From valley to hill-top resounds—  
And he wants no lovelier music  
Than comes from his chorus of hounds.



The Palace Bath House

'Twere useless and vain to endeavor  
The charms of this place to name o'er—  
There are trout-streams, sunny and sparkling,  
And wonderful caves to explore;  
And lakes in whose clear, limpid bosoms  
The water fowls mirror their face  
Till weary of sailing, then proudly  
And gracefully swing into space.

The location is easy of access—  
St. Louis-San Francisco main line—  
While coast lines, gulf lines and boat lines  
In quick transit all fully combine.  
In luxuriant Pullmans, the Frisco  
Will take you in comfort and ease  
Through novel and picturesque scenery,  
Kissed by a health-giving breeze.

If for health, for rest or for pleasure,  
In Eureka a season you dwell,  
Drink deep of her magical waters  
And rest at the Crescent Hotel.



A Popular Resort



## The Ozarks

From dizzy height of tow'ring spire,  
O'er-hung with its crescent of gold,  
Where Glory waves to ev'ry breeze,  
And freedom flaunts from every fold,  
Far up we stand by breezes fanned  
And westward turn our gaze,  
While plummy pines the sky defines,  
Dimmed by the Indian haze.

We look on glories spread below  
With its stretch of emerald sea,  
While mountain crests like huge sea waves  
Loom upward, dauntless, wild and free,  
And golden glints and azure tints  
Shed radiance o'er the scene,  
While living views of changing hues  
Smile back with sunlit sheen.

Range after range of billowy green,  
In changeless waves, sweeps westward far  
As though primeval storm had piled  
Them high in elemental war;  
The shifting light, now dark, now bright,  
Chases shadows o'er the scene,  
And drifting cloud, yet less than sixty  
While sings the enabled her to read the

The breezes blow  
The long, far sea  
That stir and swirl as though God's hand  
Had sounded forth the grand decree  
The restless waves the sky-line laves  
Beyond where vision fails,  
And only ears attuned to tears  
Can catch this sea's sad wails.

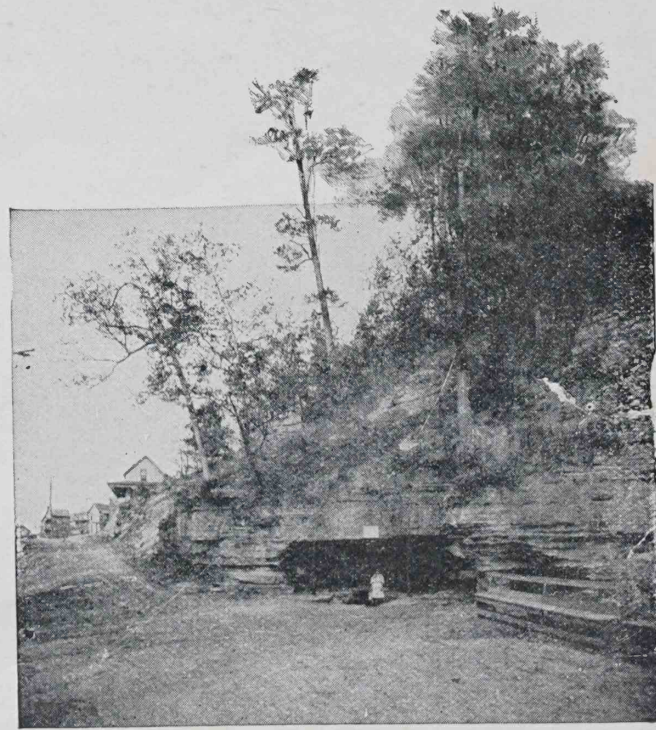
Northward of west the Pea Ridge range  
And warriors' bones in  
Ran rivers to the streams;  
Now, mould'ring, dead, lie those who  
In sleep, too deep for dreams.

God's hand has lovingly lingered here  
And tenderly touched each hill and dale,  
And softly smoothed to rounded curves  
Each angling crest and deep'ning vale,  
And kissed the cheek of mountain peak  
Till beauty's form was born  
And topmost crest was softly drest  
In glories of the morn.

Thus Moses viewed the promised land  
From far-off Nebo's lonely peak,  
And that, tho' 'twas surpassing fair,  
Compared to this, was bare and bleak;  
For stretching far to skyline's bar,  
The rocks with verdure vie,  
And in each dell some charm doth dwell,  
Revealed to seeing eye.

In all this land no scene more fair,  
No vision dreamed, surpassing this,  
Where fancy's glories pale beneath  
The emerald touch of Nature's kiss,  
Oh soul, adream, catch one faint gleam  
Of love exceeding all,  
Whose touch so fraught with tender thought  
Holds us in raptured thrall!

—Wilma Jarratt Ellis.



The Onyx Spring